

PROCEEDINGS OF MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE  
Held at New Market, Va., June 9-11.

At 1:30 P. M., the retiring Moderator not being present, E. B. Shaver, chairman of the Executive Committee, called the house to order and conference opened with prayer by D. C. Moomaw. G. A. Copp was appointed secretary *pro tem.*, and the following committees were appointed:

On Rules—Z. H. Copp, Lee Hammer and P. H. Wisman. On Credentials—G. A. Copp, B. H. Emeret and Samuel Wine. On Organization—P. W. Wisman, J. S. Bowman and J. H. Rosenberger. On Resolutions—D. C. Moomaw, Z. H. Copp, Dr. Shaver and Rev. Wheeler, pastor of the Methodist church.

Committees reported as follows: On Organization—D. C. Moomaw, Moderator; E. B. Shaver, Vice Moderator; Lee Hammer, Secretary, and S. P. Fogle, Treasurer. On Rules—1. Conference shall consist of all ministers present, and all other members present who are properly delegated, either by written or verbal message. 2. All members present who are received as delegates shall be empowered to vote. 3. Generally accepted parliamentary rules shall govern the conference. 4. No speaker shall be recognized until he has addressed the Moderator. 5. The Moderator shall recognize the first speaker he sees or hears. 6. No speaker shall address the conference on the same subject more than twice, and not longer than ten minutes for the first nor five minutes for the second speech, unless by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present he may be allowed. 7. Two-thirds of the delegates shall decide all questions before the conference. 8. Amendments to the foregoing rules shall be in order at any stage of the conference. 9. All members present shall have equal privileges of debate. Signed by committee—Z. H. Copp, Lee Hammer and P. H. Wisman.

Committee on Credentials reported as follows: P. H. Wisman, John H. Wisman, John E. Holler and Jacob Gochenour, St. Luke; John L. Thompson and John W. Bowman, Dayton; D. L. Shaver and H. Rosenberger, Shilo; George Clem, Mt. Pleasant; John E. Copp and Arena Copp, Mt. Zion; John W. Hockman, Round Hill; G. A. Copp, Bethlehem; Samuel Wine and S. P. Fogle, Liberty; D. C. Moomaw, Roanoke; Della Cross, Maggie Rogers, B. M. Emmett, Susie Cline, Hagerstown; W. M. Lyon, Washington, D. C.; Alice Barkdall and W. G. Delany, Waynesboro; T. J. Fahrney and wife, Downsville; J. S. Bowman, Ripley Mills.

Ministerial delegates: D. C. Moomaw, Roanoke; J. S. Bowman, Good's Mills; E. B. Shaver, Maurertown; P. W. Wisman, St. Luke; G. A. Copp, Fisher's Hill; John R. Leedy, Tom's Brook; W. H. Spiggle, Meadow Mills; W. M. Lyon, Washington, D. C.; Z. H. Copp, Hagerstown.

Address of welcome by the pastor, E. B. Shaver, and responses by J. C. Cassel, Z. H. Copp, Henry Wise, A. D. Gnagey, I. D. Bowman, G. A. Copp and J. S. Bowman.

E. B. Shaver reported on educational work, followed by several warm participants on the subject. G. A. Copp next reported on church literature.

Elder Shaver's motion carried: To appoint a committee of five to formulate resolutions to put before this conference, showing some plan for adjusting our apportionment due Ashland college. Committee appointed by Moderator—G. A.

Copp, Samuel Wine, D. L. Shaver, P. W. Wisman and T. J. Fahrney.

G. A. Copp's motion carried: That A. D. Gnagey be allowed twenty minutes to speak upon the subject, "Church Literature and the Publishing Interests." His very interesting speech was followed by one from J. C. Cassel.

G. A. Copp's motion carried: That J. K. Leedy solicit the congregation for cash subscriptions to the EVANGELIST. A good list was secured.

D. C. Moomaw's motion carried: That this conference make it a specific duty of all pastors of its churches to take definite action at all of their appointments to raise money to purchase and distribute tracts and to introduce our church paper; and a disinclination to conform to this resolution will be urged as unfaithfulness to the church.

Committee on Woman's Work was next called and was first responded to by the Ladies' Aid Society of the first Brethren church of Hagerstown. Amount received during year from dues, collections and donations, \$118.29; amount expended during year, \$51.02; balance in treasury, \$67.27. Mrs. Chas. B. Wagner, secretary.

T. J. Fahrney reported a work at Woburn with amounts sent to mission board. G. A. Copp reported a creditable work at Bethlehem, but did not say what use was made of the funds. D. C. Moomaw reported a good work at Roanoke. Secretary woman's work at Shilo (Maurertown) reported \$4.00 paid to the theological chair, and about \$30.00 in treasury. Brother Lyon reported the late organization of a S. S. C. E. in Washington, D. C., mission work.

G. A. Copp's resolution carried: That this conference heartily approve of the woman's work, and requests that they continue to use all scriptural means to further the cause of Christ.

T. J. Fahrney made a short but pointed speech on "Ministerial Support," followed by Z. H. Copp, D. C. Moomaw and I. D. Bowman.

D. C. Moomaw's motion carried: That a committee of three be appointed on Parochial Reports. Committee appointed—Harry Hahn, T. J. Fahrney, Samuel Wine.

Z. H. Copp's resolution carried: That this conference advise the church to use the envelope system in giving.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

House called to order by Moderator Moomaw, preceded by songs and scriptural reading. J. C. Cassel led in prayer. Minutes of last session were read, corrected and approved.

First was the consideration of Sunday-school work. A motion prevailed that all ministers tabulate their reports on S. S. work and hand them to G. A. Copp, chairman of committee on said work. "Should the Brethren church embark in foreign mission work?" was elaborately discussed by Moomaw, Shaver and Wise. Z. H. Copp's motion carried: That J. C. Cassel be allowed thirty minutes to read a paper prepared by him on mission work. The reading of said article was followed by song by the choir and prayer by I. D. Bowman. G. A. Copp also gave a talk on missionary work.

E. B. Shaver's motion prevailed: That I. D. Bowman be allowed time to present the claims, etc., of the Washington,